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OMMIRANDY. BY ARMISTEAD C. GORDON, Author of "Mage." New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1917, pp. 295, illustrated.

This department does not include fiction; but when a member of our Board writes a delightful collection of stories, which treat with great knowledge and sympathy of a by-gone phase of Virginia life, we make an exception. No one else is now doing the same work Mr. Gordon is, and it is the belief of Virginians that no one else can.

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE OF VIRGINIA, WITH SOME ACCOUNT OF HIS PEDIGREE. BY JOHN HERBERT CLAIBORNE, M. D., F. A. C. S. [&c, &c.] with an introduction by John D. Lindsay of the New York Bar, pp. 331, Illustrated. G. P. Putnam's Son's, New York & London, 1917.

One of the most interesting episodes of early American history is the long struggle of William Claiborne of Virginia with the Colony of Maryland. This was, in part, a fight for Claiborne's own personal rights and property and in part a struggle to sustain Virginia's claim to territory granted her by her charters. The long struggle with its fluctuating fortunes is well told, with much aid of documentary authorities. It would almost seem that Mr. Claiborne has said the final word on the subject. For thirty-five years, William Claiborne was a very prominent figure in Virginia history and even when he dropped out of active service he still continued, up to a great age, his indomitable efforts to recover his rightful dues.

This book begins with three interesting chapters on the English ancestry of William Claiborne.